

A Word From The Mediterranean

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The Seabees of NMCB ONE Detail Sigonella are going full speed ahead on their project SI0-825, Sports Field Lighting and Head, as they move through the month and things are rapidly taking shape. Of course no project could turn out great without the hard work and dedication of a few motivated Seabees.

The Charlie types have some interesting things going on that will be of great importance to the project. Some of their tasks get more difficult as we move into the rainy season here in Italy, but these Seabees are headstrong and ready to meet every challenge. After all, they are the “Backbone of MCB ONE.”

The Builders are hard at work on a 360’ sidewalk, which will allow easy and comfortable access from the track outlining the facility to the two tennis courts and basketball court. “This type of sidewalk has proven difficult to place on the terrain of Sigonella as it involves decorative pavers and not just a simple pouring of concrete, but I feel the end result will be outstanding,” says BU2 (SCW) Jon Upole, one of the senior builders on the job. Meanwhile inside the head facility, more Builders and some Steelworkers are hard at work putting the finishing touches on Stucco and are installing a drywall ceiling. BU3 Joseph Sage says, “Drywall can be tricky in some areas, but then again I’ve seen people build small ships out of Popsicle sticks.” With 952 square feet of suspended ceiling to hang, there will be no lack of work for these Seabees.

Last but not least, let's not forget those wonderful people we have come to know as Bravo types. The Bravo types have had a full plate lately with the exterior lighting for the Soccer field, Baseball Field, and Tennis Courts, as well as the plumbing and electrical for the head facility.

The Construction Electricians and Utilitiesmen have been working hard pulling over 400 meters of wire to supply electricity to twenty poles that are to light the playing fields on the project, installing duct systems, and placing junction points for their conductors. Now they are working on the interior of the head facility where they are running power to the building. The Utilitiesmen are also getting ready to put some finishing touches on the plumbing, which I might add will be excellent when it is completed. CE3 (SCW) Rodney Stephenson proclaims, "It's a lot of work for such few people, but the Bravo rates have become a good team on this project, GET SOME HOORAH."

As time has passed on this deployment, the Bees of Detail Sigonella have become more motivated than ever to feel the satisfaction of getting this job done with exceptional quality. There is still a lot of work left to do before we leave here in February, but we are up to the task.

Caption for Bogard Photo: BU3 (SCW) John Bogard pounds in a stake to help level the border for a decorative paver sidewalk.

Caption for CE Photo: CE3 (SCW) Jordan Ronsonette and UTCN Lonnie Waddell work on the wire connection for a perimeter light.